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### **Field Crops Report**

As of March 28, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 45 percent not being harvested, 1 percent light, 27 percent moderate and 27 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 43 percent good and 34 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

**Cotton** was reported as 40 percent being planted.

**Small Grains** emergence is complete, while heading is just getting underway. There was 14 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 13 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 33 percent of **Barley**, and 52 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as headed.

### **Livestock, Range and Pasture Report**

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 28 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 27 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

### **Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report**

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, minneolas, navels, fairchilds and tangerines in central and western Arizona last week.

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures for most of the State were above normal for the week ending March 27. Temperatures ranged from 15 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, to 9 degrees above normal at Flagstaff. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Parker and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 27 degrees at Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.04 inches at Grand Canyon to 0.50 inches at Canyon De Chelly.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 21 TO MARCH 27, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	46	15	82	41	0.50	1.72	2.07
Casa Grande	62	11	96	51	0.00	2.50	2.47
Coolidge	61	13	94	48	0.00	3.09	2.94
Douglas	55	11	82	41	0.00	2.44	1.81
Flagstaff	38	9	70	27	0.00	2.57	7.04
Gila Bend	65	12	101	54	0.00	1.75	2.13
Grand Canyon	39	11	74	27	0.04	3.36	5.00
Kingman	52	14	89	42	0.00	1.06	3.52
Parker	65	14	102	58	0.00	0.85	2.14
Payson	47	12	83	33	0.00	3.14	7.03
Phoenix	66	12	97	59	0.00	3.12	2.58
Prescott Airport	46	13	81	37	0.00	1.87	3.54
Safford Ag Center	56	10	85	43	0.00	3.07	2.09
Tucson	61	11	89	50	0.00	2.11	2.60
Willcox	53	10	83	40	0.00	2.89	2.66
Winslow	48	13	83	40	0.00	0.60	1.53
Yuma	67	11	102	57	0.00	0.92	0.93

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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